

IOWANS WITH DISABILITIES: 2009

On July 26, 1990, President George H.W. Bush signed into law the Americans with Disabilities Act, guaranteeing equal opportunity for people with disabilities in public accommodations, commercial facilities, employment, transportation, state and local government services and telecommunications.

397,420

The number of people in Iowa in 2007 who have some kind of disability. They represent 14.5% of the civilian noninstitutionalized population age 5 and over

35.9%

Percentage of people 65 and older in 2007 with a disability, the highest of any age group.

7.0%

Percentage of children ages 5 to 15 in 2007 who have a disability. This amounts to 30,002 children.

81.8%

Percentage of disabled children age 5 to 15 with a mental disability in 2007.



SPECIFIC DISABILITIES

233,794

The number of Iowans in 2007 reporting a physical disability, a condition that substantially limits one or more basic physical activities, such as walking, climbing stairs, reaching, lifting, or carrying.

117,089

The number of Iowans in 2007 reporting a sensory disability such as blindness, deafness, or a severe vision or hearing impairment.

157,083

The number of Iowans in 2007 reporting a mental disability, such as learning, remembering, or concentrating.

70,627

The number of Iowans in 2007 who reported that a disability made it difficult to perform self-care activities such as dressing, bathing, or getting around inside the home.

106,296

The number of Iowans in 2007 who reported that a disability made it difficult to go outside the home alone to shop or visit a doctor's office.

120,739

The number of Iowans in 2007 who reported that a disability made it difficult to work at a job or business.

123,222

The number of people ages 16-64 with a physical disability in 2007 . The number of people 65 and over with a physical disability was 106,967.

52.1%

Over half of all the people in Iowa in 2007 with a sensory disability are aged 65 and over. People aged 16-64 account for 43.2 percent while children 5 to 15 make up only 4.8 percent of the total.

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EDUCATION

85.7%

The percent of Iowans in 2007 with a disability who have a high school degree or higher. The percent of Iowans without a disability who have a high school degree or higher is 93.5%.

4.7%

The percent of Iowans with a disability in 2007 who have a Bachelor's degree or higher. The percent of Iowans without a disability who have a Bachelor's degree or higher is 17.3%.

45.1%

The employment rate in 2007 for Iowans with a disability. The employment rate for those Iowans without a disability at that time was 81.6%.

INCOME AND POVERTY

\$15,263

Median earnings for Iowans age 16 and over with disabilities with earnings in 2007. The median earnings for Iowans age 16 and over with earnings in 2006 without disabilities is \$27,207.

20.0%

The poverty rate for Iowans with disabilities in 2007. The poverty rate for Iowans without disabilities is 9.0%.

63,349

The number of Iowa disabled workers in 2007 receiving benefits under Social Security's Old Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance (OASDI) program.

Source:

http://www.socialsecurity.gov/policy/docs/factsheets/cong_stats/2007/ia.html

Median Earnings By Type of Disability in Iowa: 2007

